Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Yowell (Yowel, Youell) W5551[1] Nelly fn57VA
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[fn p. 20]
William Yowels Declaration
Virginia Madison County to wit

On this 27th day of July 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County court of Madison now sitting, William Yowell a resident of Madison County Virginia aged 70 years in May next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States by being drafted in the year 1779 in the County of Culpeper where he then resided and still resides (The County of Madison taken from the County of Culpeper) to perform a tour of two months. The company to which I was attached was under the command of Captain Henry Towles [?]. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Barbour. The greater part of the time I was stationed in the neighborhood of Richmond. In the early part of the year 1781 I was again drafted for a 2 months tour under the command of Captain Rice. I was marched to the neighborhood of Norfolk in Virginia attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ja^{s}. Slaughter [? Jo^{s}. Slaughter: James Slaughter or Joseph Slaughter?]; from Norfolk I was marched to the neighborhood of Petersburg Virginia where the British army attacked us, after an engagement of several hours the American force under the command of General Muhlenberg was forced to retreat with considerable loss. The British Army then entered and burnt the Town of Petersburg as I was informed and all our efforts could not prevent it. A short time after I reached home after performing the second tour of two months I was again drafted to perform a third tour of two months, during this third I was attached to the company commanded by Captain White. The Regiment commanded by Colonel Edmunds during this Tour I had the pleasure of seeing the British Army under Lord Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown in Virginia. I was then detailed to guard the prisoners to Winchester in Virginia where I was regularly discharged. The discharge is long since lost. Dennis Crow[2] of Madison is the only person living near me that can testify to the whole of my services. This last tour detain me some weeks after my term expired in consequence of guarding the prisoners as above stated, I asked of my country to allow made for only 6 months duty – and I say with confidence that my efforts to do my duty as a soldier met the approbation of my officers. It was my good fortune during the siege of Yorktown to have a good shear [share?] of strenth [strength?] and actively which I am persuaded enabled me to haddle [? handle?] the spade to as much purpose as any

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engaged in that memorable siege.
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state

S/ William Yowel, X his mark

[John Garnet, a clergyman, and Moses Newman [??] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Dennis Crow of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged 76 years do hereby certify that in the war of the Where revolution after I had returned to Virginia and after the expiration of the term for which I had enlisted I was several times drafted to perform tours in the Militia and can certify that William Yowel of this County performed the following tour in the militia with me the first tour of 2 months in the year 1779 but discharged a short time before it expired had created for the full Tour of 2 months, In the year 1781 Wm Yowel performed 2 other tours of 2 months each the last at the siege of York. Since the war of the Revolution I have lived in the same neighborhood with William Yowel and competently speak that the amount of his service is about 6 months. Given under my hand this 26 day of July 1832.

S/ Dennis Crow

[fn p. 9: On June 19, 1847 in Madison County Virginia, Nelly Yowell, 84 on the 15th of April last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of William Yowell, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in July 1782 but she does not remember the exact day of the month; her first child Judith Yowell was born May 15 1783; that her husband died March 6, 1845; and that she remains his widow; that her name prior to her marriage was Nelly Crane; that at the time of their marriage she and her husband both resided in that part of Culpeper County which is now Madison County; that they were married by one Parson Milldrum or some such name who preached in the Brick Search near a place now called Slate Mills.]

[fn p. 18: On July 22, 1847 in Madison County Virginia, James Yowell, 58, gave testimony that he will be 58 years of age on September 14 next; that he is the son of William and Nelly goal; that there were 3 children older than himself viz. Judith, Daniel & Charity Yowell who were also children of the said William and Nelly Yowell; that Judith is now dead, but if living would be 65 years old. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[fn p. 39: On June 19, 1847 in Madison County Virginia, Humphrey Leathers, 80 next December, gave testimony in support of the widows claim stating that he was 13 or 14 years old when he solved the wedding company returning from the wedding of William and Nelly Yowell; that William Yowell was his uncle.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $21.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 14 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]